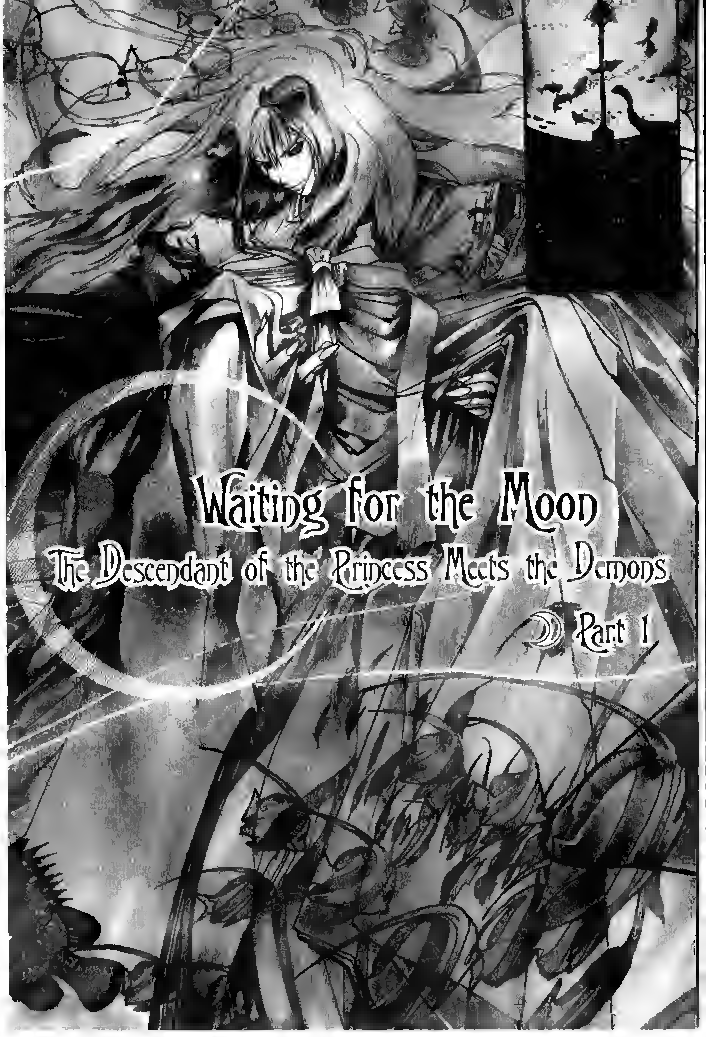
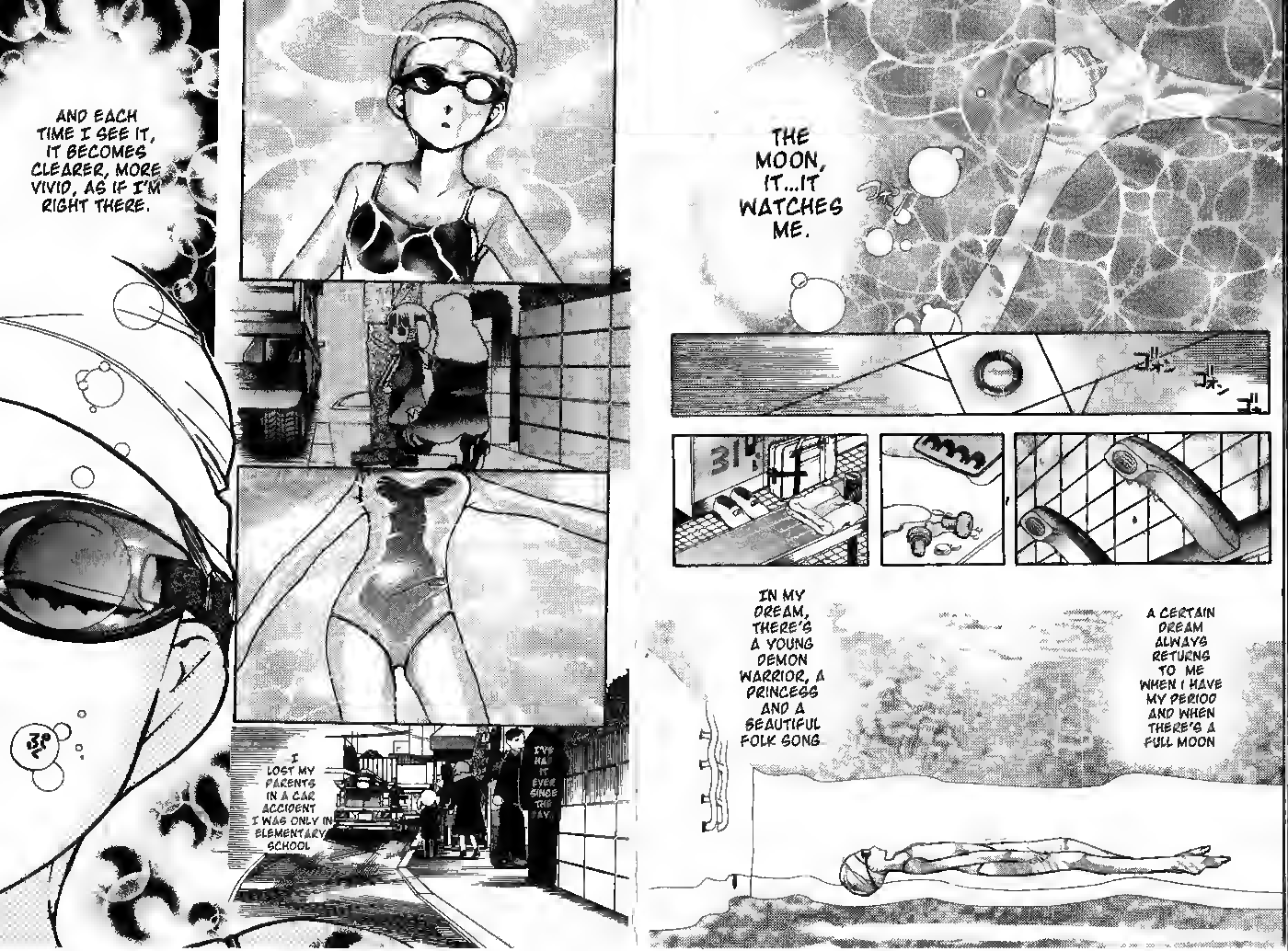
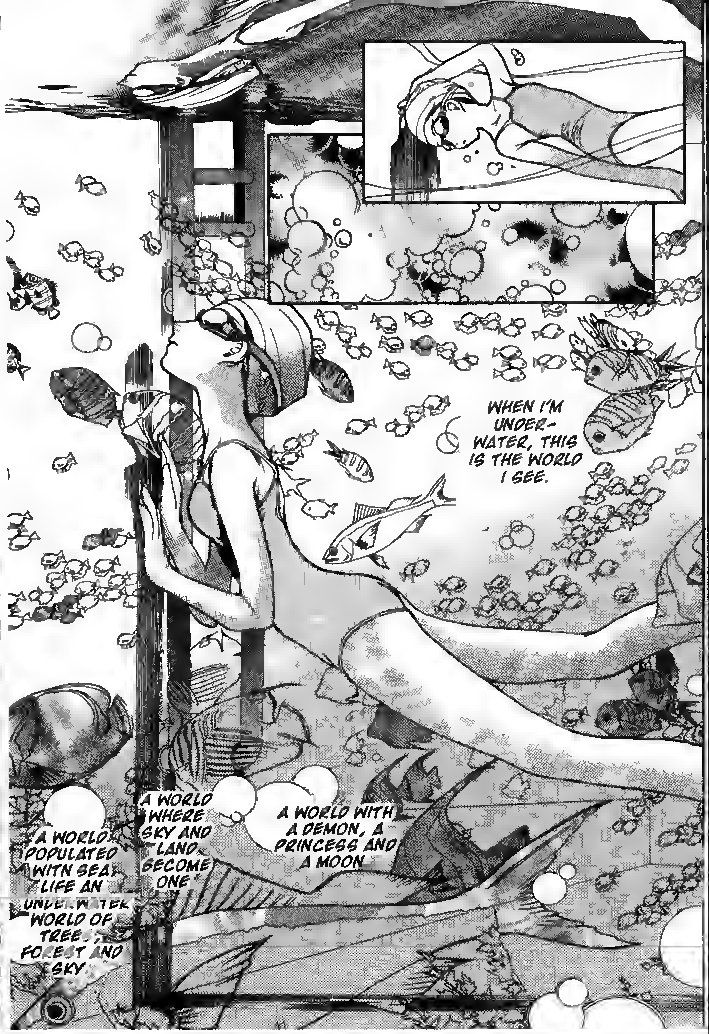

Waiting for the Moon
The Descendant of the Princess Meets the Demons
Part 1

"Princess, Princess,
Why do you laugh?
Behind a veil of bamboo blinds,
The minister explains that
He'll hide and protect me,
Just as clouds do the moon in a hazy sky.
Princess, Princess,
Why are you scared?
In the faroff reaches of the highest mountains,
I hear the cries of a demon boy.
That if women are trully as fickle as the phases of the moon,
They surely I shall capture and devour her"

...I'll become his bride
...that when the full moon ascends the sky in ten
...I made a promise to a demon boy
In a forest painted by the setting sun...
Princess, Princess, why do you cry?
*Ten lunar years

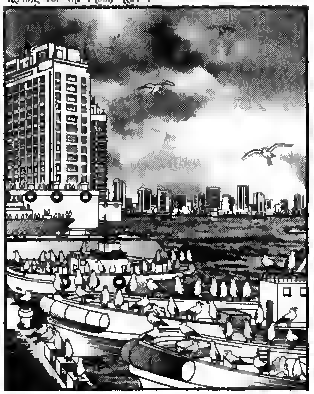

AND EACH TIME I SEE IT, IT BECOMES CLEARER, MORE VIVID, AS IF I'M RIGHT THERE.
I LOST MY PARENTS IN A CAR ACCIDENT I WAS ONLY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
I'VE HAD IT EVERY SINCE THE DAY
THE MOON, IT...IT WATCHES ME.
IN MY DREAM, THERE'S A YOUNG DEMON WARRIOR, A PRINCESS AND A BEAUTIFUL FOLK SONG
A CERTAIN DREAM ALWAYS RETURNS TO ME WHEN I HAVE MY PERIOD AND WHEN THERE'S A FULL MOON

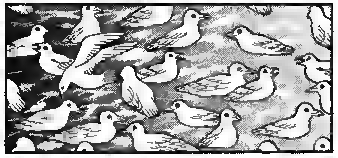
HEY GIRL!!
ONE MINUTE AND 40 SECONDS. SHEESH, YOU THINK YOU WERE IN THERE LONG ENOUGH?
SHE'S OVER HERE, YOU GUYS!
キャ
キャ
HEY THERE!
WAH!
WAIT!
C'MON!! SHARE YOUR LUCK WITH ME!!
HEY NOW!! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE TOUCHING!!


WHEN I'M UNDER-WATER, THIS IS THE WORLD I SEE.
A WORLD POPULATED WITH SEA LIFE AN UNDERWATER WORLD OF TREE, FOREST AND SKY.
A WORLD WHERE SKY AND LAND BECOME ONE.
A WORLD WITH A DEMON, A PRINCESS AND A MOON.

YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK THIS FOR A WHILE BUT, WHO WOULD START A RUMOR LIKE THAT ANYWAY?
A GOOD-LUCK CHARM, OF COURSE
HADŌ COFFEE
OH MY GOSH! I HATE THIS!! I MEAN, HONESTLY, WHO DO THEY THINK I AM?
GOOD LORD!
キャあああ
WHETHER IT'S JUST A GOOFY PRIZE OR THE LOTTERY!
HMM. LET'S THINK. IS IT REALLY A RUMOR IF IT'S TRUE? I MEAN, IT'S A FACT, YOU KNOW, MAHIRU I ALWAYS WIN SOMETHING WHEN I'M AROUND YOU
WHATEVER! I NEVER WIN ANYTHING AT ALL.
SPEAKING OF BEING UNLUCKY, WEREN'T YOU LATE TO SCHOOL THIS MORNING BECAUSE YOUR BUS GOT STUCK IN TRAFFIC?
ALL THE BOYS I LIKE ALWAYS HAVE GIRLFRIENDS
NOT TO MENTION THE AWFUL FACT THAT MY PARENTS DIED ON ME WAY BEFORE THEIR TIME
EVERY TIME I GO TO A CONCERT, IT GETS CANCELLED
I'M LIKE THE UNLUCKIEST PERSON ON THE PLANET.
WHY ME?
SIGH.
HADO CO
ぽん!

KYAAHHH!! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
PHTT!
YAHH!
OH PLEASE, PLEASE GOD-AND MAHIRU!!
OH MY!! YOU DID IT, MISS!! YOU WON OUR TOP PRIZE!!
HADŌ COFFEE
YEAH GUESS I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN
HUH? SHOULDN'T YOU BE INVITING MAHIRU TO GO WITH YOU INSTEAD?
I WONDER IF HASHIGUCHI WILL GO WITH ME.
WOW, TWO TICKETS FOR A TOKYO DINNER CRUISE. THIS IS SO COOL!!
SEE! GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO YOU TOO, SILLY.
COME ON, CHEER UP TELL YOU WHAT, TODAY'S MY TREAT, OKAY?
MAHIRU, I'M GOOOO SORRY!!
OH, DON'T BE SILLY I DON'T MIND TAKE HASHIGUCHI, OKAY?
IT'S LIKE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO GET REALLY, REALLY CLOSE WITH HASHIGUCHI! WHADDYA SAY?
I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE AND I'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU BUT PLEASE LET ME OFF THE HOOK JUST THIS ONE TIME, OKAY?
OH, JUST GIVE IT HERE ALREADY, GIRLIE.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
COME ON, PUCKIE, LEND ME A HAND FOR A SEC!
HUH?
SHE JUST MADE OUT ON NOT PAYING BUT LOST OUT ON A FREE TANNING
REALLY? COOL!!
HERE YOU GO, MISS! YOU RECEIVE ONE TICKET FOR A PRIZE DRAWING FOR EVERY PURCHASE OVER 1000 YEN*
*Equivalent to $1.00 U.S.





"PLEASE SHARE YOUR LUCK WITH ME!" I MEAN, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

I WONDER IF I REALLY DO HAVE THE POWER TO BRING GOOD LUCK.
SURE, SHE WON THAT DRAWING THE MINUTE SHE TOUCHED ME, BUT I WONDER IF IT'S ME OR JUST A BIZARRE COINCIDENCE

MAKIRU? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SORRY, GUYS. I JUST REMEMBERED I HAVE TO STOP BY SOMEWHERE BEFORE I HEAD HOME. GO ON WITHOUT ME, OKAY?

REALLY?
SHE SAYS SHE'S GOING TO VISIT HER "SECRET PLACE" IS ALL
DON'T WORRY. SHE'S JUST GOING THERE. SHE'LL BE BACK HOME SOON.

THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF POLICE CARS ON THE ROAD TODAY
YEAH

THESE ARE BRAND NEW SHOES. MY AUNT JUST BOUGHT THEM FOR ME
WELL, AT LEAST YOU DIDN'T GET MUD ON YOUR UNIFORM TOO. I MEAN, THAT'S GOOD, RIGHT?

I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE WHO'S EVER HEARD OF THIS SONG
SO I WONDER WHERE I HEARD IT? WHO COULD I HAVE LEARNED IT FROM?
OH NO! NOT THOSE SIRENS AGAIN!
AND THAT DREAM WHAT COULD IT POSSIBLY MEAN?
THAT WONDROUSLY ODD DREAM
Princess, Princess... Why do you cry?
ME NEITHER
WHAT SONG IS THAT? I'VE NEVER HEARD IT BEFORE
BUT THEN AGAIN IT WOULD MAKE SENSE IF IT WERE TRUE MAYBE THE REASON I'M SO UNLUCKY IS BECAUSE I GIVE AWAY ALL MY LUCK TO EVERYONE ELSE
POOR THING TALK ABOUT MISFORTUNE AND TRAGEDY
WITH ONE EXCEPTION, OF COURSE THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN THINK OF THAT WOULD MAKE ME DIFFERENT FROM THE REST
BUT I'M JUST AN ORDINARY HIGH SCHOOL GIRL

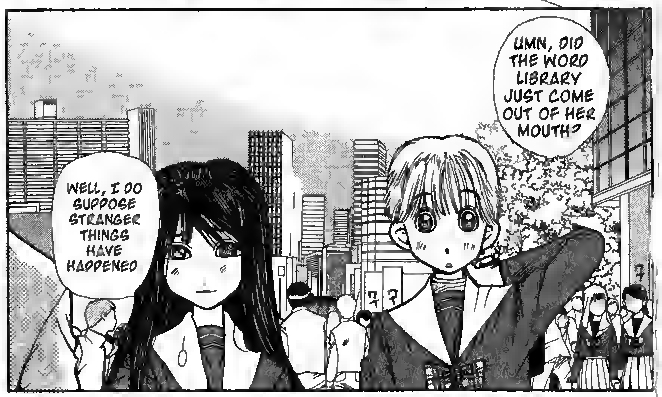
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?
!!

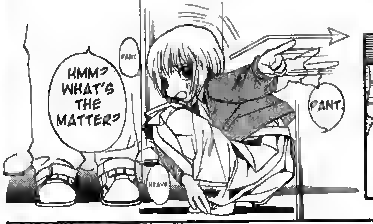
DON'T TOUCH ME!!
BUT YOU'RE HURT!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR?
THOSE EYES!! THEY LOOK JUST LIKE THAT DEMON'S EYES THE ONE FROM MY DREAMS.
DAMN IT
YOU'RE
KUH?

OH MY GOD! BLOOD?!
POOR THING WHAT MISFORTUNE
URGH!
MAN, IS MY MISFORTUNE EVER GOING TO END?
WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S GOING ON?

NOOOO!!
IT JUST CAN'T BE.
KYAAHH!!
WHOA, THERE
HEY, SLOW DOWN. CAREFUL THERE
BUT IT IS. IT'S YOU
YOU,
UH, BUT

OH NO! THE LIBRARY'S GOING TO CLOSE SOON.
MAHIRU? WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WE BETTER BLAZE TO GET TO THAT MEETING
I HAVE TO GO TO THE LIBRARY! SORRY, GUYS!


UMM, DID THE WORD LIBRARY JUST COME OUT OF HER MOUTH?
WELL, I DO SUPPOSE STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED


HMM? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
PANT
PANT

KUSAKABE SHE'S NOT WEARING ANY SHOES, SIR

THE PERIMETER'S SECURE, SIR
WE COULDN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE, DETECTIVE KUSAKABE
.....

HUH? I, UM, WELL, NO.
THE FELLOW YOU MET UP WITH IS PROBABLY A MEMBER OF THE THIEVERY RING "THE MOONLIGHT BANDITS." DID YOU HAPPEN TO GET A GOOD LOOK AT HIM?

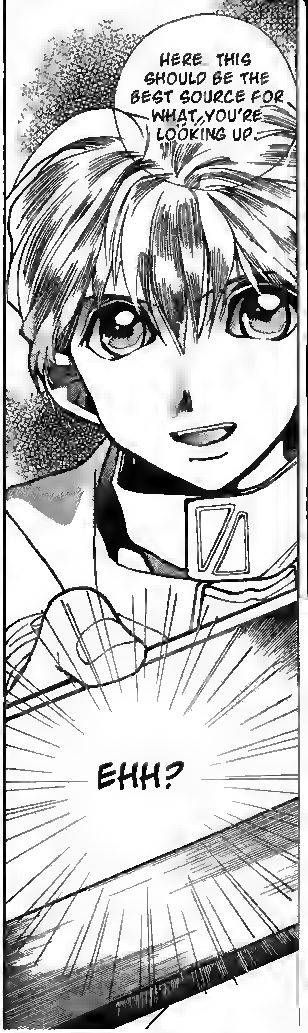
.....
THAT DEMON WH-WHERE DID HE GO?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
BADUMP!
GOT TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHERE YOU'RE GOING.
UHH
SO HEAVY
ACK! I CAN'T SEE IN FRONT OF ME
MOBBLE
MOBBLE
MAN, WHY DO THINGS LIKE THIS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME?!
KYAAHH

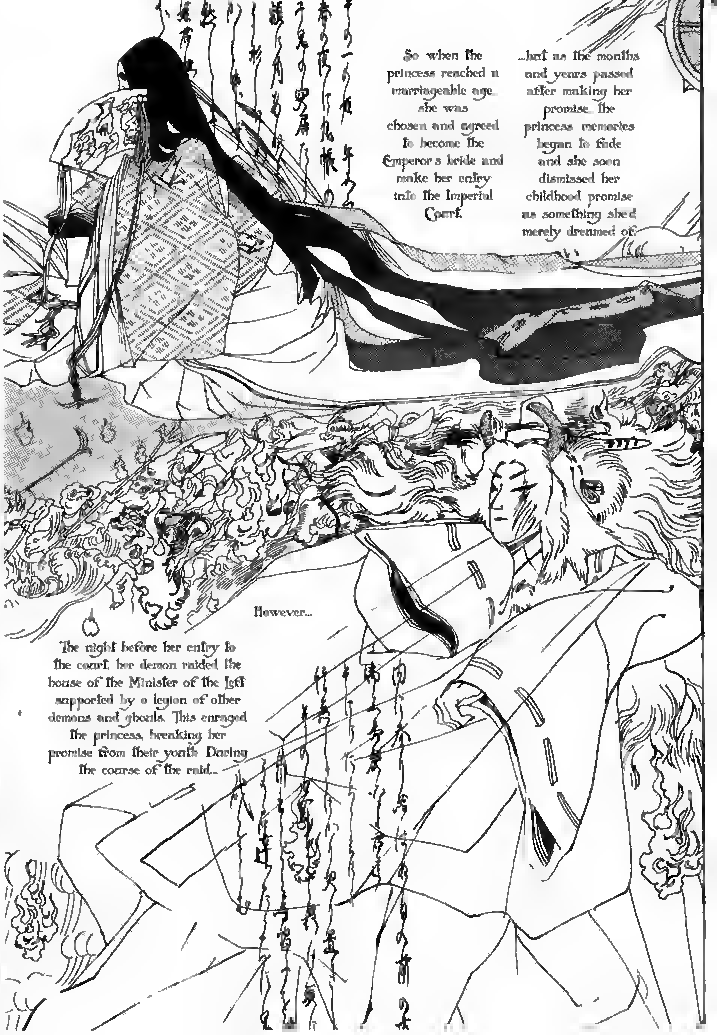
AHH, IT'S NOTHING... NO BIGGIE JUST A BIT OF STATIC, THAT'S ALL
UM, IS SOMETHING WRONG?
PARA PARA PARA
LET'S SEE. OH, THE "DEMON AND THE MINISTER OF THE LEFT." HUH? I SHOULD'VE KNOWN.
SO WHAT ARE YOU RESEARCHING?
NOTHING JUST TALKING TO MYSELF.
EXCUSE ME?
A FOREIGNER?!
BLOND HAIR? BLUE EYES? AND A KANSAI DIALECT?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OH, MY BOOKS!
N-NOTHING!!
N-N
I'M SO SORRY THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

When the oldest daughter of the Minister of the Left was still a little girl, she once met a young demon child who found his way into her house. The two became fast friends during his brief stay and the daughter promised to marry the demon one day...

THANK YOU SO MUCH THANKS AGAIN, I MEAN
YOU SEEM TO KNOW QUITE A BIT ABOUT THIS TOPIC ARE YOU A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT HERE?
OH, WOW HE'S TOTALLY RIGHT
NOPE, NOPE
I LOOK THE PART BUT I'M DEFINITELY NOT FOREIGN BRED I WAS BORN HERE ACTUALLY
YES SIRREE, BORN AND RAISED IN OSAKA!! THEY CALL ME NOZOMU.



The princess was taken away and claimed by her demon.
Her father forced action immediately after and gathered an army of his city's young noblemen and mightiest warriors, and together marched onward to the demon's lair deep in the mountains.
The Minister's force was able to smite the demon and returned the princess to her home
While the princess would no longer be accepted into the Imperial family
she married the commander of the troops sent to rescue her
And they lived happily ever after

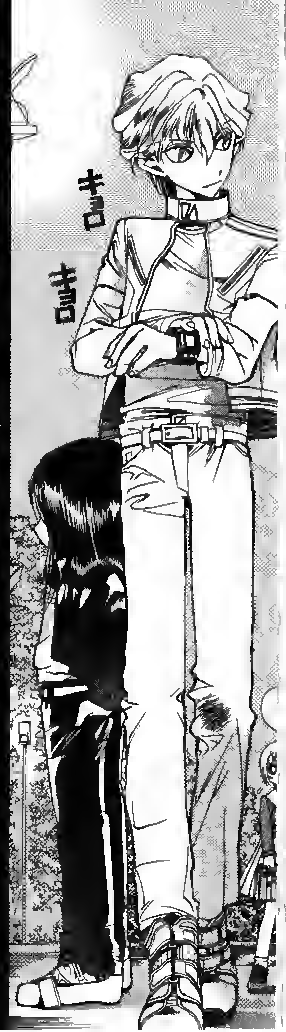

So when the princess reached a marriageable age, she was chosen and agreed to become the Emperor's bride and make her entry into the Imperial Court.
...but as the months and years passed after making her promise, the princess' memories began to fade and she soon dismissed her childhood promise as something she'd merely dreamed of.
However...
The night before her entry to the court, her demon raided the house of the Minister of the left supported by a legion of other demons and ghouls. This enraged the princess, breaking her promise from their youth. During the course of the raid...

*It was said that even though it seems like a dream...don't sell your soul to the devil

IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS PRECEDENT THAT ALL CHILDREN WERE TOLD NEVER TO MAKE PROMISES WITH A DEMON
..EVEN IF THEY BELIEVED THEIR PROMISE TO BE JUST A DREAM."
MY DREAM AND THAT FOLK SONG..
THEY BOTH SEEM TO HAVE SOME CONNECTION TO THIS TALE, BUT
.THE LYRICS OF THE SONG ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE STORY.
Princess, Princess, why do you cry?
In the forest painted by the setting sun,
I made a promise to a demon boy

MAH-
MAHIRU SHIRAISHI
ALL RIGHT THEN, MISS WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD I TELL A COMPLETE STRANGER MY NAME? JUST LIKE THAT? IT'S LIKE MY MOUTH JUST MOVED ON ITS OWN
HUH? WHAT?
.....
COME ON, NOW, THIS WAY
MAHIRU, EH? THAT'S A GOOD NAME
HUH? WHERE TO?
WHAT'S HER NAME?
WHY DON'T YOU FIND OUT, MISOKA? USE SOME OF THAT HYPNOSIS YOU'RE FAMOUS FOR. HER RECEPTIVITY IS TOP NOTCH
URM, EXCUSE ME!
BUT SHE SURE DOESN'T LOOK THE PART
HELLO? DO YOU THINK SHE'S GOING TO BE WALKING AROUND CARRYING A SIGN OR SOMETHING?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THINGS YOU KNOW SEPARATE YOU FROM EVERYONE ELSE?
HUH?!
YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT SONG, DON'T YOU?
AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS YOU'VE WONDERED ABOUT?
!!



HOW DOES HE KNOW THIS?

IMPREGNABLE WARM POND!!
THEY WON'T. I'VE CREATED AN INVISIBLE WALL AROUND US.
WHAT IF SOME HUMAN SEES US, HUH?!
LET GO!! THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO LET YOU GO THROUGH WITH THIS!!
キキキキキ!!

MITSURU!!
ガガガ
ガガ
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, YOU IDIOT?!
DAMN IT, MITSURU!!
PROTECTIVE SEAL!!

STOP WITH THIS NONSENSE, MITSURU.
.....
GET OUT OF MY WAY!! NOZOMU!!
DON'T LET TEMPORARY EMOTION GET THE BEST OF YOU STAND BACK AND CLEAR YOUR MIND
OUR UTMOST PRIORITY IS TO BRING THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS BACK SAFELY
THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
I DON'T AND WON'T EVER TRUST A DAMN HUMAN!!
WHAT I FEEL ISN'T TEMPORARY!!
AKIRA
IT'S ALL YOU, AKIRA!!
DAMN IT!! GET BACK HERE!!
HMMPM!!

DING DONG!
WELCOME HOME. THE TIME IS CURRENTLY 8:24:58 PM
DING DONG!
WHO?! IS HE ONE OF THEIR FRIENDS?
HE'S GOING SO FAST I CAN'T EVEN OPEN MY EYES.
ALL TO BRING BACK THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS
THEY CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT ME, CAN THEY? AM I THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS?
HOLLANDOISCHE
ARE YOU OKAY? DID I GO TOO FAST FOR YOU?
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

AND WHAT IN THE WORLD DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
FEET FIRST.
KNEEL.
WE IMPLORE YOU, OH, DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS.
ILLUMINATE OUR PATH WITH THE LIGHT OF THE POWER THAT YOU HOLD. BESTOW US WITH YOUR POWER OF THE MOON.

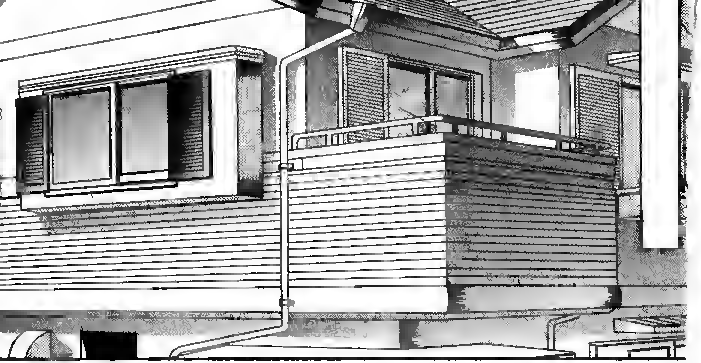
WE'RE BACK, SIR.
AHH, WELL THEN, WELCOME BACK.
YEAH, WELCOME BACK.
LET GO OF ME, YOU BASTARD!!

I CUT UP SOME APPLES FOR YOU.
WOULD YOU MIND NOT SITTING SO CLOSE TO ME?
THEY'RE YUMMY!

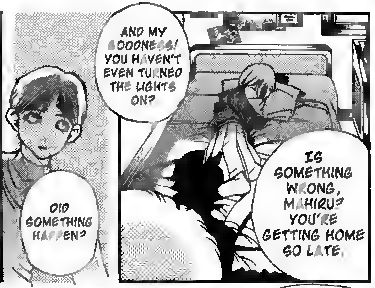
WE ARE BORN WITH BLOOD FROM THE MOON AND WE FACE EXTINCTION OF OUR PEOPLE
WE ARE THE LUNAR RACE!
THE NAMES THAT ARE PLACED ON US BY HUMAN-KIND HAVE NO MEANING TO US
WE ARE NOT HUMAN
WE STAND APART FROM THE REST
WE HAVE BOTH FOUGHT WITH AND LOVED THE HUMAN RACE IN THE PAST
WHO ARE THOSE
WHO WORSHIP THE MOON AND GATHER IN THE NIGHT
THOSE WHOSE VERY LIVES ARE RULED BY THE AGE OF THE MOON

WITHOUT HER HELP AND COOPERATION DURING THE UPCOMING NEW MOON, OUR JOB JUST WENT FROM HARD TO HELLISH
KUNSTAUSSTELLUNG
KREFT
MAHIRU!
NOZOMU! CHILL OUT!
NO WAY. I'M NOT GOING TO STAND FOR THIS!!
MITSURU, OUR LIVES ARE DICTATED BY THE FLUCTUATIONS OF THE MOON AND YOU KNOW THAT IF WE'RE TO SUCCESSFULLY STEAL THIS TEARDROP OF THE MOON, AS WE PLANNED TO DO ON THIS NEW MOON, THEN WE NEED HER OR ELSE WE'LL BE TAKING A GIANT RISK WE CAN'T AFFORD

MAHIRU?!
WAIT!!
OH GOD! THESE PEOPLE! TH-THEY'RE NOT HUMAN!!
SO WHAT I SAW EARLIER THAT WASN'T JUST MY IMAGINATION?!



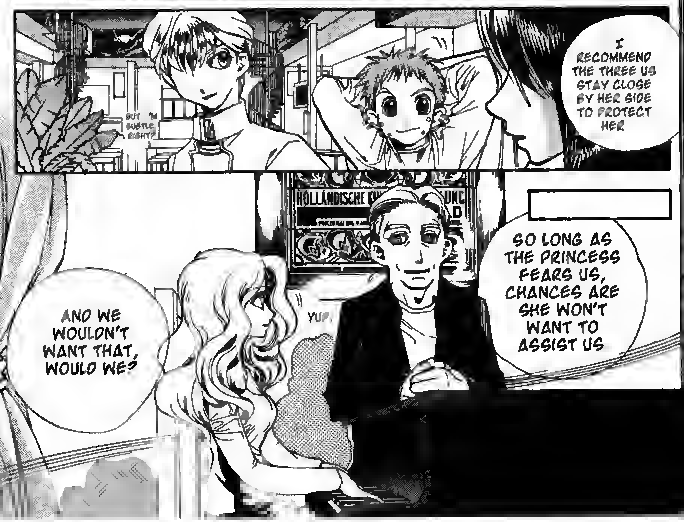
NO, NOTHING. IT'S NOTHING.


AND MY GOODNESS! YOU HAVEN'T EVEN TURNED THE LIGHTS ON?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
IS SOMETHING WRONG, MAHIRU? YOU'RE GETTING HOME SO LATE.

YOU WERE SLEEPING, WEREN'T YOU? SORRY TO WAKE YOU GOOD NIGHT.
.....

I JUST GOT SCARED BEING OUT SO LATE SO I DECIDED TO RUN BACK HOME.
DID YOU WANT DINNER?
NO, THANKS

BACK OUT TO FIND ANOTHER WAY TO BOTHER MAHIRU AGAIN I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT IT THOUGH.
IF HE REALLY WANTED TO KILL HER, SHE'D ALREADY BE DEAD
STILL, IF HE KEEPS SCARING HER LIKE THAT THEN ..
YOU MISSED?
SIR
WELL, I DON'T NEED OR WANT HER HELP!! I'M COMPLETELY AGAINST THIS!! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST THIS!!
MITSURU, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


I RECOMMEND THE THREE OF US STAY CLOSE BY HER SIDE TO PROTECT HER
BUT I'M SUBTLE EIGHTY
HOLLANDSCHE
SO LONG AS THE PRINCESS FEARS US, CHANCES ARE SHE WON'T WANT TO ASSIST US
YUP.
AND WE WOULDN'T WANT THAT, WOULD WE?

Princess, Princess, why do you cry?
In a forest painted by the setting sun...
I made a promise to a demon boy.
I hear the cries of a demon boy.
That if women,
In the far-off reaches of the highest mountains?
OH MY GOD! THAT'S ME!!
WHO ARE YOU?
Princess, Princess
why are you scared?
ARE YOU HER? ARE YOU THE MINISTER OF THE LEFT'S DAUGHTER?
MY MOTHER AND GRAND-MOTHER
truly are as fickle as the phases of the moon
then surely I shall capture and devour her
OOHH. I REMEMBER IT IS ME I WAS ONLY IN KINDERGARTEN THEN
I HAD GONE TO VISIT MY GRANDMOTHER AT HER HOUSE IN KYOTO
THAT SONG! I LEARNED IT FROM MY GRANDMOTHER.
THAT SONG
SOMEONE'S SINGING?

HURRY AND YOU'RE STILL IN YOUR BOXERS, UNDERWEAR
WE KNOW, WE KNOW. DON'T WORRY. WE'RE NOT HERE TO FORCE YOU TO DO ANYTHING.
JUST SO YOU KNOW, I HAVEN'T DECIDED ON ANYTHING YET, OKAY?!
.....
WOW, THAT PRINCESS REALLY IS QUICK, AIN'T SHE?
I KNEW YOU'D WAKE UP IF WE DID THAT.
OH, WELL, UMM, FINE BUT COULD YOU HURRY OFF THE ROOF PLEASE? WHAT IF SOMEONE SEES YOU UP HERE?
AND TO FILL YOU IN ON A FEW THINGS
THAT,
BUT WE ARE HERE TO ASK YOU AGAIN VERY NICELY
OUR PEOPLE ARE CALLED THE LUNAR RACE, AND JUST AS THE NAME IMPLIES, WE'RE A RACE WHOSE LIVES ARE COMPLETELY GOVERNED BY THE WANING AND WAXING OF THE MOON.

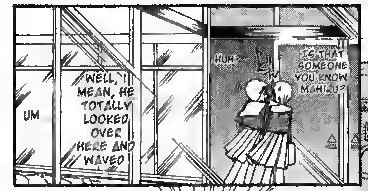
UNLESS YOU DECIDE TO HELP US OUT OF COURSE, MAHIRU. THEN IT WOULD BE A SNAP
SO, WE'RE IN SUITE THE BIND, YOU SEE
AND OUR BEST CHANCE FOR OBTAINING IT JUST HAPPENS TO FALL ON A NEW MOON
SO HERE'S OUR DILEMMA. WE'RE GOING AFTER THIS VERY IMPORTANT PIECE FOR US. IT'S CALLED THE TEARDROPS OF THE MOON
I FEEL AS IF WHENEVER I GIVE MY LUCK TO SOMEONE ELSE, THEN IT TAKES AWAY FROM MY OWN
I..I..
HA!!
やはは
SOOO FUNNY!
MAN, SHE'S A NOOB. TO FALL FOR A CLICHÉD MY FUNNY BONE
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO ME
IF GIVING MY LUCK TO A HUMAN DOES THAT TO ME, THEN GIVING MY LUCK TO MONSTERS AND CREATURES LIKE YOURSELVES
..WHAT IF I D-D-DIE FROM IT OR SOMETHING?!
WH-WHAT

BUT IT SEEMS THE HUMANS HAVE DISCOVERED OUR PATTERN, SO WE'RE UNABLE TO PERFORM AS WE ONCE DID
BECAUSE OF THAT, WE'VE PREVIOUSLY CENTERED ALL OUR JOBS AROUND A FULL MOON
DURING A FULL MOON EVERYTHING'S DANDY BUT DURING A NEW MOON, IT'S JUST THE OPPOSITE
AS THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS, MAHIRU, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO EXTRACT THIS FULL-MOON CONDITION FOR US AT ANY TIME.
WHICH IS WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP, MAHIRU

WE ACT THE EVENING OF THE NEW MOON, AT 6 P.M.
MITSURU
.....
OKAY? KISS
AHH!
HEY, SHUT UP OVER THERE, FUNK!
EVEN P-NII IS A TOTAL SMOOCHING BOMB
HA HA HA! DON'T FALL FOR THAT NOZOMU
SURE, HE'S ALL SWEET AND NICE BUT DEEP DOWN HE'S STILL A VAMPIRE ♡
WE LOSE ALL OUR LUCK DURING THE NEW MOON, MAHIRU, SO WE REALLY, REALLY HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US THERE
WE'LL WAIT FOR YOU AT THE TAKESHIBA PIER AT 6 P.M.

IN THE BUSHES OVER THERE
AKIRA
I DON'T GET IT
!!
GYAA!!
AWWW, MITSURU, DON'T YOU EVER KNOW WHEN TO QUIT? TEE HEE!
LET ME GO!!

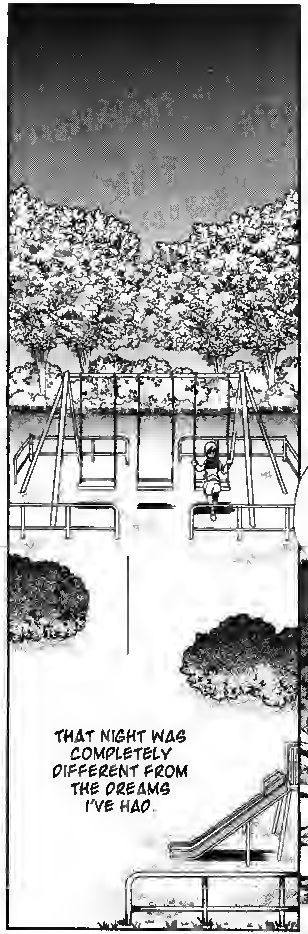
MORNING, MAHIRU! HEY, WHAT'S UP? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
HUH? UHM, N-NOTHING
OOH! WE'RE GONNA BE LATE


UM
WELL, I MEAN, HE TOTALLY LOOKED OVER HERE AND WAVED!
HUH?
IS THAT SOMEONE YOU KNOW, MAHIRU?

IT WASN'T JUST TO EASE MY MIND!!
THEY REALLY ARE ALL AROUND!!

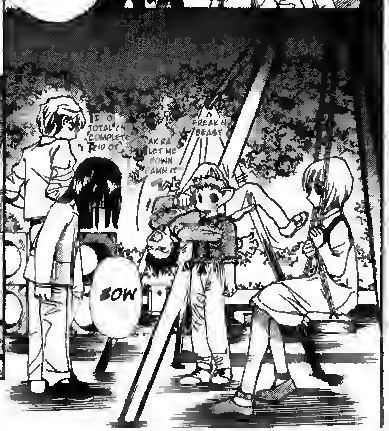
おい
おい
THAT WAS ARIA
HE TOOK OUT ALL HIS PIERCINGS BUT
OMIGOD! CHECK HIM OUT

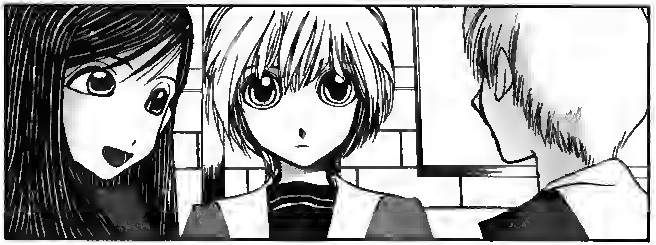
COME ON, MAHIRU!


THAT NIGHT WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE DREAMS I'VE HAD.

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, OKAY?
I'D NEVER, EVER BITE THE DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS

WELL, THAT IS, UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO, OF COURSE BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT STORY!
YOU'RE MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF, YET?
IT'S TIME FOR US TO TAKE OUR LEAVE


BOW



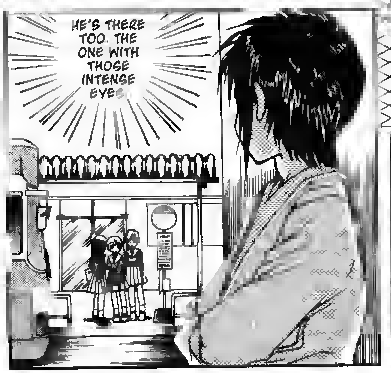
I MEAN, DID I DO SOMETHING TO OFFEND HIM?
ON SECOND THOUGHT, IS HE AFTER MY LUCK?
SCARY FACE! I WONDER WHY HE LOOKS AT ME LIKE THAT.

NOTHING
WHAT'S WRONG?

SHOULD I ASSERT UP IN TH THEM OR NOT?
MEANWHILE, WHAT'S A GIRL TO DO?

I WONDER IF IM UNDERSTANDS THE POINT OF A DISGUISE?
YO
HE IS TOTALLY STALKING ME!

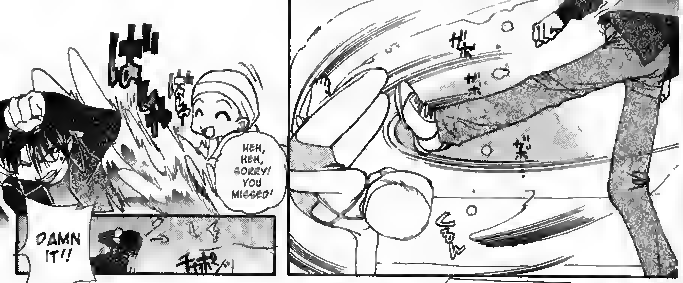
I THINK THEY CALL HER MISOKA
AH, THERE THEY ARE

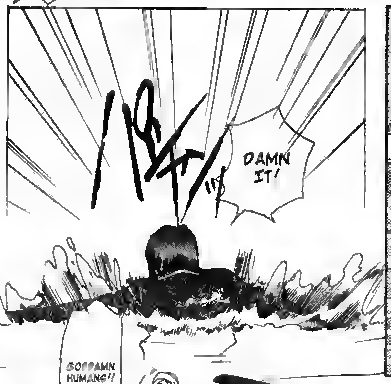

HE'S THERE TOO. THE ONE WITH THOSE INTENSE EYES.

I WONDER IF THIS IS THEIR WAY OF WATCHING OVER ME? OR ARE THEY JUST, WELL, WATCHING ME INSTEAD?
KYOU! WHAT THE HECK? SHE SHOVED ME! ME, TOO!

I GREW UP KNOWING WE WERE DIFFERENT.
I'M TALKING ABOUT MY PEOPLE
HUH?! NOT LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW I MEAN, REALLY!
BUT WHY?
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HIM?
I GUESS HIS FRIENDS REALLY ARE DOING ALL THEY CAN TO STOP HIM FROM DOING EVEN THAT THOUGH
AND IF THE STEADY INCREASE OF BRUISES AND ABRASIONS ARE ANY INDICATION...
SCORE: 0
WELL, I SUPPOSE HE'S ALL RIGHT IT'S NOT AS IF HE'S ATTACKING, JUST STARING AT ME
HE DEFINITELY DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WINNING SO WHY DOESN'T HE JUST GIVE UP ALREADY?
I WONDER IF HE'S STILL FIGHTING WITH HIS FRIENDS
GOSH, HE'S STILL THERE
SO SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, WE ALL DISCOVERED WHAT IT WAS AND WHAT IT'S NOT TO BE OF THE MOON.
BUT MITSURU WAS RAISED BY HUMANS, WHO HAD NO IDEA THAT OUR PEOPLE EVEN EXISTED.
TO BE QUITE HONEST, AKIRA,
MISOKA AND I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT MITSURU.
JUST SO YOU KNOW THAT NO MATTER WHAT, HE'LL ALWAYS BE AGAINST YOU AND YOUR HELP.
I DON'T THINK HE'S AS GUNG-HO ABOUT KILLING YOU AS BEFORE. IT'S PROBABLY JUST MORE A MATTER OF HIS PRIDE AND STUBBORNNESS NOW.

I HEARD YOU TOLD NOZOMU AND THE OTHERS NOT TO SHOW UP TODAY!
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON, HUH?
HMMM! COME TO ME, ELECTRICITY!
THAT'S RIGHT, I DID!
I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU!!
PHT!
HA, YOU WISH!!
The new moon is tomorrow! Therefore, he has no powers!
FIZZY
DAMN IT, GET OUT OF THAT WATER AND FACE ME!!
I'VE GOT NOTHING TO DISCUSS WITH YOU!!
YOU'VE SEEN FOR YOURSELF HOW DISTANT HE CAN BE. WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT HE MUST'VE GONE THROUGH QUITE A BIT AND LOST QUITE A LOT TO BE THE WAY HE IS
AND US. WE'RE HIS FRIENDS BUT DEEP DOWN I DOUBT HE TRUSTS US ANY MORE THAN HE TRUSTS YOU
AS FAR AS HIS ANGER GOES, IT'S NOT JUST DIRECTED AT YOU OR OTHER HUMANS. HE HATES HIS OWN RACE JUST AS MUCH
IF THERE WAS A WAY TO LOWER THE WALLS AROUND HIM, WELL, THEN THINGS COULD BE SO DIFFERENT.


HEH, HEH, SORRY! YOU MISSED!
DAMN IT!!


DAMN IT!
SOFFAMN HUMANS!!

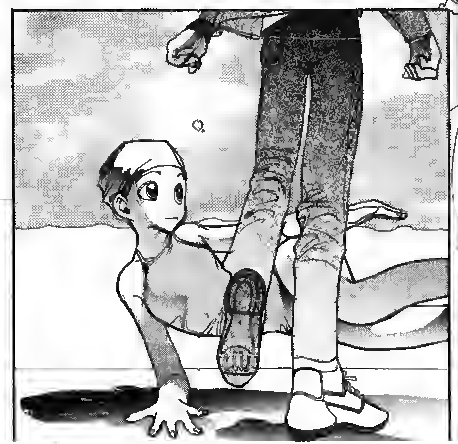
THAT SERVES YOU RIGHT FOR BEING MEAN TO ME ALL THIS TIME!

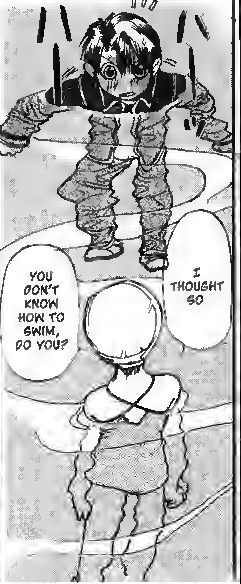
DO YOU REALLY HATE US THAT MUCH?

GRRR

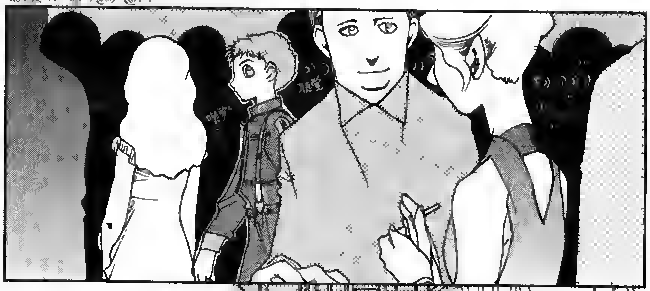
GADHHH.

WHATCHA DOING? YOU ARE AWARE THIS IS SHALLOW ENOUGH TO STAND UP IN, RIGHT?




I THOUGHT SO
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM, DO YOU?

I WILL NEVER TRUST A HUMAN AGAIN!!
THEY STOP AT NOTHING TO TAKE IT. WE DEMONS ALWAYS END UP ON THE LOSING SIDE.
AND I SEE NOTHING'S CHANGED. HUMANS ALWAYS WANT WHAT OTHERS HAVE
SHE PRETENDED TO LOVE A DEMON!
DO YOU KNOW THE TRUTH BEHIND THE STORY OF THE FALSE PRprincess?
?!
. YOU KNOW THE LEGEND?
DO...
!!
...
HMMPH. I HAVE TO HAND IT TO YOU HUMANS THOUGH. IT WAS A BRILLIANT TRICK INDEED!! TO MAKE A DEMON TRUST THEM SO THEY COULD LATER STEAL AWAY HIS LIFE...
...AND THE VERY SOURCE OF HIS POWER, THE TEARDROPS OF THE MOON!!



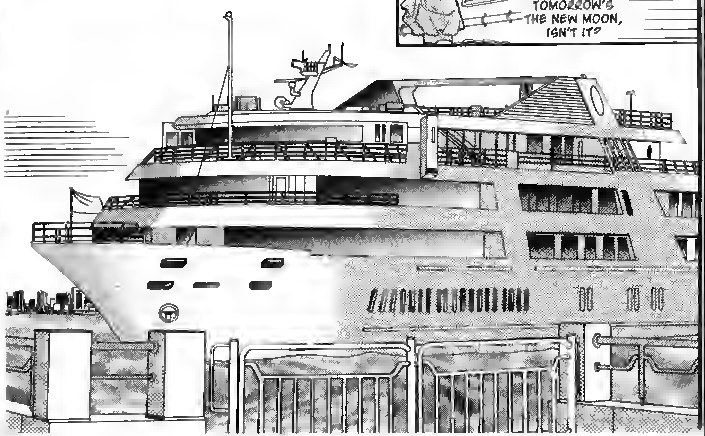
I DON'T SEE MAHIRU ANYWHERE
I GUESS SHE DECIDED NOT TO COME AFTER ALL. OH WELL NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT NOW.
LIKE THE THOUGHT OF GOING EVER CROSSED HER MIND
DANG IT. I REALLY THOUGHT WE WERE DOING WELL IT GAINING HER TRUST TOO.
AND WHOSE DAMN FAULT COULD THAT BE, HUH?
HEEH! WATCH YOUR ATTITUDE PUNK!!
YOU WANT A PIECE OF ME? HUH? DO YA, PUNK?!
JUST ACT LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW THEM.

WAIT!! PLEASE! DON'T GO!!
I STILL HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS

WE'LL WAIT FOR YOU. 6 P M AT THE TAKESHIBA PIER

MEANIE!! WHAT ABOUT HEARING ME OUT, HUH?
.....

I ALMOST FORGOT! TOMORROW'S THE NEW MOON, ISN'T IT?



THE DINNER CRUISE!!

I SURE HOPE THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE,BUT I DON'T SEE MITSURU AND THE OTHERS WHERE ARE THEY?
WHEW. I JUST MADE IT.

GAHH, DOESN'T HE KNOW I HAVE TO BE AT TAKEHISA BY SIX?
WHY DID HE CHOOSE TODAY OF ALL DAYS TO HAVE A REVIEW SESSION?
WHAT? DON'T YOU REMEMBER? THOSE TICKETS I WON AFTER YOU SHARED YOUR LUCK WITH ME?
THAT DINNER CRUISE STARTS FROM THE PIER
!!
IT'S FIVE O'CLOCK ALREADY?
THAT'S RIGHT WHY SHOULD SHE SHOW UP? WHY SHOULD ANY DESCENDANT OF A TRAITOR SHOW UP TO HELP US!!
I'M AT THE TAKEHISA PIER
S-SIR!!
THAT'S IT!!

Attention passengers! We deeply apologize for the delay...
...and hope you'll kindly begin to gather in the banquet room since...
I NEED TO FIND NOZOMU AND THE OTHERS AND WARN 'EM QUICK.
...we have been blessed with the honor of having jazz singer Kazuyoshi Ora!
DINNER CRUISE
DINNER CRUISE
.....
WELL, MISOKA? WHAT DO YOU THINK? THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TRANSFORM TODAY?

TOAST
BUT GOSH DARN IT! THIS IS TECHNICALLY FORMAL WEAR IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT.
WE'LL GET THEM TODAY, RIGHT, SIR?
YEP. DAMN BEASTS. FROM WHAT I HEAR, REGULAR GUNS DO AS MUCH DAMAGE AS WATER GUNS TO THEIR LOT.
BUT FROM WHAT WE KNOW OF THEIR M.O., I DON'T THINK THEY'D TRY ANYTHING ON A MOONLESS NIGHT LIKE THIS.
TRUE. BUT BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY ISN'T IT, KUSAKABE?
HMM? INSPECTOR? DO YOU GET SEASICK REALLY EASILY?
THOSE PEOPLE THEY ARE THE DETECTIVES I RAN INTO BEFORE!!

AH WELL, WE EXPECTED AS MUCH AFTER ALL.
THERE I THINK THAT'S ALL YOU'LL GET OUT OF ME TODAY I WON'T BE ABLE TO USE MY "MASS HYPNOTISM" EITHER.
BUT, THEN AGAIN, THAT'S WHAT THIS LITTLE AMPLIFIER IS FOR.
A mi no me gusta que hable Marisela. Mátenla pronto cuando
ya la hemos ya casi terminado
termine ya puse los materiales
HUH?
THOSE DETECTIVES AGAIN
OR ELSE THEY'LL GET CAUGHT FOR SURE!!
I HAVE TO FIND THE OTHERS AND WARN THEM!
WHERE ARE YOU GUYS?
AND NOW, MAY WE PROUDLY PRESENT ACCLAIMED JAZZ SINGER.
MR KAZUYOSHI ORA!
I WONDER IF THEY KNOW THE POLICE ARE SOMEWHERE ON THIS SHIP TOO?

SHIFT
N-NOZOMU!!
SURE GOT QUIET ALL A SUDDEN.
HMMM?
BAKA

OH GOOD! HE'S JUST SEASICK BETTER GET BACK THEN
URRGHHH
HUH?!
!!

AH?!
WHAT?
THE POLICE ARE HERE, EVERYONE! GET OUT! NOW!!!
M-MAHIRU?!
YOU DIDN'T PUT THE DETECTIVES TO SLEEP!!
SO HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF HERE THROUGH THE LEFT DOOR!!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! HE'LL BE BACK ANY MINUTE!!
YOU

IT'S THE LADY WITH THE BLUE DRESS
Bash..
THE TEARDROP OF THE MOON HAS BEEN RECLAIMED!!

COUGH
COUGH
WHEW! BARELY MADE THAT ONE
ドン
INSPECTOR?
HUH? WH-WHAT WAS I DOING JUST NOW?
AKIRA!!
OVER HERE, MAHIRU!!
OHHHH!
OVER HERE!! QUICK!!
WHERE THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, YOU FREAKS?!

WHAT?
YOUHE!! GO GET HER BACK!!
HUH?
SHIIIITT!! DAMN IT!! THOSE BASTARDS HAVE TAKEN A HOSTAGE!! HOLD YER FIRE!!
HOLD ON TIGHT, PRINCESS.
UP HERE!!
OKIE, DOKIE
OKAY, FOUL BEAST!! HAND OVER THE HOSTAGE!!
KYAAAHHH

RAW
RAW
RAW
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT. I CAN'T FIGURE OUT
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG, DOLT?!
WAAAHHHHHHH!! IS THAT THEM, INSPECTOR?!
JUST KIDDING. WHEN I TRANSFORM I'M PRETTY MUCH INVINCIBLE HEE HEE
BEEP BEEP BEEP

I CALL ON THE WIND!! YOU ARE MY BLOOD!! NOW, COME!!
GET BACK HERE, YOU FURRY FREAKS!!!
HOT HOT!!
HOT!
HOT!
!!
MITSURU, QUICK, YOU NEXT TAKE HOLD OF HER.
MITSURU!

JEEEZ! HOLY HELL I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT!! THOSE GUYS WERE SERIOUSLY NOT HUMAN!!
GODDAMN MONSTERS!! NEXT TIME WE'LL SEE WHO FOOLS WHO!
LET YOUR HOSTAGE GO! NOW!

KUH? MITSURU? WHERE ARE YOU?
HEY, ANYONE SEE MITSURU?
PRINCESS!!
MAHIRU?
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM, DO YOU?
IF YOU'RE LISTENING, PRINCESS FROM MY DREAMS!
IF I TRULY DO HAVE SPECIAL POWERS, THEN PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU, LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH NOW!
SHOW ME A SIGN! GUIDE ME NOW!!
MITSURU!
ゴボッ
ゴボッ
AHH!
KYAA!
MITSURU!! DAMN IT!! YOU COULDN'T FREAKIN' CARRY US 10 METERS FARTHER TO SHORE, YA FRIGGIN' IDIOT?!
MITSURU?
THIS SENSATION THIS SCENERY...
IT'S EXACTLY THE WAY IT WAS IN MY DREAMS.

...I'M SURE IF...
MISUKO
YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M HAPPY
I KNOW I'M UNLUCKY BUT I'M STILL SO HAPPY EVERYONES BEEN THERE FOR ME THROUGH EVERYTHING
THAT'S WHY...

Waiting for the Moon
Part 2

Long ago, when Kyoto was still the capital of Japan, there once lived a young demon who fell in love with a beautiful human princess.
Maddened by love, the demon kidnapped the princess, but soon after he was bested by the warriors. Upon his death, the treasured source of power for all of creation kind was scattered throughout the land.
When these creatures come face to face with the Descendant of the Princess while they search the world over for shards of its power, what will be born?